

KEMOTrail Corps Trash Pick-Up October 19, 2002

On October 19, 2002, KEMOTrail Corps held its first volunteer event. Approximately 25 volunteers met at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to pick up trash along the trails and road throughout the park. Volunteers met at 10:00 a.m. at five starting points throughout the park and fanned out to the trails and roads from those points. The event was a great success - nearly **40** bags of trash were collected! The most unusual item found was a car battery, found by Richard Angeli and Marion Harris.

KEMOTrail Corps signed up a few new members as a result of this event. And, several volunteers noted that people in the park stopped and thanked them for the work they were doing. What better way to spread the word about our organization than by being visible in the park!

Due to the success of this event, the enthusiasm of volunteers, and the ongoing need for trash pickup, we have decided to hold similar events twice a year - the second Saturday in March, to pick up the winter trash, and the second weekend in September, to pick up the summer trash after Labor Day. Suggestions for making future events more successful include: (1) posting signs with the KEMOTrail Corps name/logo at each of the start points; (2) providing tee shirts with the KEMOTrail Corps name/logo for all participants; (3) designating more points along the trail for dropping off full trash bags; (4) utilizing smaller (grocery-size) bags when going off the trail; (5) publicizing the event in local newspapers (AJC, Marietta Daily Journal, Creative Loafing, etc.); and (6) beginning earlier in the day (between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.) so that participants can finish by noon.

Special thanks to the following area captains (denoted with a C in parentheses) and volunteers:

<p>Illinois Monument Anne Ledoux (2 additional volunteers)</p> <p>Burnt Hickory Robert Skeen (C) Beverley Skeen (C) Cathy Neher Allen Neher Brandy Belville Jerry Givan Charles Jackson</p>	<p>Cheatham Hill Jamie Redmond (C) Jesse Smalley (C) Tom Okerberg</p> <p>Kolb Farm Sally Thomason (C) Charlie Thomason (C) Leah Urben Leann Grennan Julia Perren Amy Perren</p>	<p>Visitor Center Lewis Bramlett (C) Doug Felker Eileen Podracky Beth Bramlett</p> <p>Supervisors Richard Angeli Marion Harris</p>
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(Left) Volunteers Doug and Eileen head out for a busy day of picking up trash along the mountain road and up the trail from the Visitor Center to the summit.



(Right) Volunteers Cathy, Beverley, and Rob proudly display the bags of trash that they collected along the fire road between Burnt Hickory and the Visitor Center.

*--Beth Bramlett
--October 23, 2002*